

Representatives and the Senate. In 1992, President George H. W. Bush appointed Rabbi Schiff to serve on the "We Will Rebuild Committee." This committee helped restore the areas in south Florida that were severely damaged by Hurricane Andrew. Lawton Chiles, the late Governor of Florida, appointed Rabbi Schiff to serve on a task force to examine the problems of the homeless. Thanks to that task force, two new homeless assistance centers were created in Miami-Dade County alone. More recently, Florida Governor Jeb Bush invited Rabbi Schiff to serve on his Faith-Based Advisory Board.

Rabbi Schiff is known and admired for treating everyone with equal dignity and respect. He has always found time in his schedule to visit as many in need as possible, from ill hospital patients to the homeless. His spiritual guidance is an enduring legacy to the countless individuals he has encountered throughout his career.

Although Rabbi Schiff has won numerous awards, and has served on many local and national committees, the greatest honor he has ever received is the love and support of his family. He and his wife, Shirley, have three grown sons, Elliot, Jeffrey and Steven, and they are the proud grandparents of seven grandchildren. I wish him well as he begins this new chapter in his life, and we all celebrate his many remarkable achievements.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ROBERT A.
GERYE

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert A. Gerye for his tireless work to enhance the educational experience of the children of Clark County.

Bob Gerye has been an educator for nearly 30 years. He received his bachelors degree in English education from Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas, and his graduate and post-graduate degrees from the University of Kansas. He taught English on the college level for several years in Kansas before becoming a secondary education administrator.

Mr. Gerye moved to Las Vegas in 1992. He was the founding principal of the Las Vegas Academy of International Studies, Performing and Visual Arts, which opened in 1993. The Las Vegas Academy was the first academic, dedicated magnet school in the Clark County School District. Mr. Gerye developed and implemented an innovative curriculum which offered students the opportunity to select a major area of study from one of the academy's seven programs and take classes in a college-style block format. During Mr. Gerye's tenure as principal, the Las Vegas Academy was recognized on several occasions at both the State and the national level. In November 2000, the U.S. Department of Education honored the academy as a "New American High School," recognizing it as one of the top high schools in the United States. In October 2002, the academy was again honored by the U.S. Department of Education when it was named a "Blue Ribbon School." In March 2003, the Las Vegas Academy received the Governor's Arts Awards in Education from the State of

Nevada in recognition of its outstanding arts education programs.

As a result of his many successes as an educator, Bob has received numerous accolades. In 1998, Bob received the Community Achievement Award in Education from the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce for his work at the Las Vegas Academy. In 2000, the Clark County School District inducted Bob into the Excellence in Education Hall of Fame. In 2004, he was named the Nevada High School Principal of the Year by the National Association of Secondary Schools Principals and was a finalist for the National Principal of the Year Award. Mr. Gerye has also received the Jeffrey Lawrence Lifetime Achievement Award for Arts Education, and the Washburn University Alumni Fellows Award for Lifetime Achievement in Education.

In 2003, Bob was selected by the Clark County School District to plan and implement the first Smaller Learning Communities/Career Academy comprehensive high school in the District. As a result of Bob Gerye's strong leadership and his commitment to excellence in education, Spring Valley High School has demonstrated overwhelming success in overcoming many of the challenges faced by a brand new school with a brand new educational structure.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Robert A. Gerye for his contributions to education. He has dedicated his career to improving the quality and the availability of education. His enthusiastic and innovative approach has helped his students reach heights of achievement. Bob Gerye has made a profound difference in our community and we are most fortunate to have such a gifted educator and administrator in the Clark County School District. I applaud his many successes and I wish him the very best as he continues to serve the cause of education.

CONGRATULATING MARC BELLE

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Marc Belle of Flower Mound, Texas, on receiving the venerated 2006 Presidential Freedom Scholarship. As a recipient of this prestigious award, he is recognized for his outstanding leadership and commitment to servicing of his community and its residents.

The Presidential Freedom Scholarship program, sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service and administered by Learn and Serve America, honors select high school juniors and seniors, displaying exceptional service and citizenship, with a \$1,000 scholarship to the college of their choice. To be eligible for nomination, individuals must have completed at least one hundred hours of community service and receive the recommendation of their high school.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my sincere congratulations to Marc Belle on receiving this award and commend his dedication and desire to help his school, community and country.

TRIBUTE TO CAPT. CHRISTOPHER
PATE OF BEAVERTON, OREGON

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an American soldier who gave his life in service to our Nation.

U.S. Marine Captain Christopher Pate of Beaverton, Oregon was killed in action during operations in Iraq. Captain Pate is survived by his parents, Jerry and Kathy Pate of Lady Lake, Florida, and a fiancée, Margaret Stearns.

While on patrol in Iraq, Captain Pate's patrol was struck by an improvised explosive device, ripping through his unit. Using his dying words to radio for medical assistance, Captain Pate's bravery and actions most likely saved the lives of two other soldiers severely wounded in the attack.

Joining the Marines in 1999, Chris Pate achieved the rank of Captain in July, 2004. Stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, he was assigned to the 2nd Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force. Serving in Okinawa, Korea, Thailand, South America and Yemen, Captain Pate eventually volunteered for two tours in Iraq.

A modern day renaissance man, Captain Pate will be remembered for his love of languages, his sense of adventure and a desire for knowledge. Having paddled up the Amazon, spent time in a monastery, studied esoteric Eastern religions, and learned Spanish, German and Arabic, he was well on his way to achieving his dreams. Scheduled to return from Iraq in November, Captain Pate and his fiancée were planning their wedding ceremony and anticipating a move to Washington, D.C.

Mr. Speaker, it is soldiers like Captain Pate who have volunteered to protect the freedoms that all Americans hold dear. While brave men and women like Chris have perished in the name of freedom and liberty, his family, friends and loved ones should know that this Congress will never forget his sacrifice and commitment.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
HERMAN BOONE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute and recognition of Herman Boone. As a high school football coach in Alexandria, Virginia, Mr. Boone inspired players to set aside racial differences and unite into one of the most successful teams in Virginia's history.

In 1971, Mr. Boone was named head football coach of TC Williams High School, a high school recently formed from smaller, segregated schools. In order to promote cooperation and teamwork, Mr. Boone used a game plan that was as strong on the field as off the field. Mr. Boone's leadership and love of the game led his team to an undefeated, 13-0 season. But his most memorable win was helping the community of Alexandria traverse

a racial divide. Mr. Boone's affect on the people of once segregated towns was an unconscious one, fueled by his willingness to put prejudice aside and cooperate with coaches and players from white schools. With an open mind, Mr. Boone set the standard and fans followed.

Today, Mr. Boone travels the country as an inspirational speaker. His story, which inspired the Disney movie, "Remember the Titans", has been brought to northeast Ohio. Mr. Boone will be honored at the 40th anniversary luncheon of the West Side Ecumenical Ministry this month.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in tribute and recognition of Herman Boone. His leadership as a high school football coach tackled the challenge of racism. Now more than 30 years later, he continues to lead players, coaches, and teams to victory through his message of persistence and teamwork.

IN HONOR OF DR. ARNOLD MANOR

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Arnold Manor of Carmel Valley, California who passed away on June 2, 2006, after an extraordinary 96 years working to make the world a better place. Dr. Manor lived his life to its fullest, selflessly serving others and living an impressive and honorable life that serves as an example for all Americans to follow. His love of life and his dedication to helping others will be missed by all. I offer his wife Dorothy, daughter Susan, and the rest of Dr. Manor's family my deepest condolences.

A pioneer in our local community, Dr. Manor became the first professional to specialize in Obstetrics and Gynecology on the Monterey Peninsula beginning in 1938. Over the course of his 52-year medical career, he helped deliver over 7,500 babies into this world. Dr. Manor was committed to giving his patients the utmost care and respect and his interactions with his patients serve as an example for other medical practitioners to follow. In addition to his medical practice, Dr. Manor served as one of the leaders during the planning and construction of the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula.

Along with his dedication for caring for others in the medicinal world, Dr. Manor donated much of his time to various noteworthy nonprofit boards throughout the community. Dr. Arnold served as chairman for the Monterey Urban Renewal Agency, the Carmel Bach Festival, the Carmel Music Society, the Devereux Foundation, and the Gateway Center, just to name a few. One of Dr. Manor's most lasting marks on our community was his leadership at the Monterey Peninsula College.

Dr. Manor lived his life to its fullest and shared his kindness with all who were fortunate to meet him. He is remembered by friends as one whose life was enriched by his love of music, reading, and nature. In his final decade, Dr. Manor frequently enjoyed the company of his hiking companions in the Haasis Hikers group. Dr. Manor brought out the best in people, working amicably and productively, never seeking praise or reward for his honorable work.

Mr. Speaker, in short, our country has lost a remarkable citizen. While Dr. Arnold may no longer be with us, his memory and life's work will carry on in all those whose lives he touched. I regret that Dr. Manor was unable to be in every city in our country, because our society grew greater and kinder with every person he touched. On behalf of the United States Congress, it is my privilege to honor the life of Dr. Arnold Manor, and I join his family, friends, and communities of the Monterey Peninsula in mourning the loss of this truly great American.

A SALUTE TO MARLON JORDAN

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, as Dean of the Congressional Black Caucus, and Chairman of the Jazz Forum and Concert that occurs during the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference, I rise to salute the achievements of trumpeter Marlon Jordan, a rising star in the field of jazz. The following biography is found on Marlon Jordan's own web site. It chronicles a career of accomplishment already deserving of high recognition, and of this body's thoughtful attention and respect.

Marlon Jordan is the youngest of seven children of musician-educator Edward Jordan and Edvige Jordan, a classical pianist. "I started out playing saxophone, violin and drums," says Marlon, "but the trumpet was the instrument that stuck with me." Marlon recalls his father literally taking him on the bandstand "even before I really knew how to play. He'd introduce me to all the musicians, and they'd call me up on the stand. They'd say, 'Come on. That's Kidd's son. Let him play.'"

As he continued his musical studies he had the day to day inspiration of Wynton Marsalis, Terence Blanchard, and many others to draw on. The young musicians often hung out at the Jordan household where they would practice music with Kent Jordan and take lessons from Edward Jordan. Marlon graduated from the famed NOCCA (New Orleans Center for the Creative Arts).

An accomplished classical musician as well, Marlon has performed solo with the New Orleans Symphony Orchestra. But his true joy is his constant performance in the streets and nightclubs of New Orleans and Brazil.

His debut album "For You Only," released by Columbia Records was the source of unanimous praise from the press. It was named "one of the best debut albums of the year" by the Washington Post. Following the debut album's release, Marlon took his quintet on the road. They joined Wynton Marsalis, Miles Davis and George Benson as a headlining act in a series of JVC Festival dates (produced by George Wein) in Atlanta, Dallas and other cities. They also played in some of the country's top jazz clubs, including the Blue Note and the Ritz, as well as in concerts ranging from New York's Avery Fisher Hall to Binghamton University.

Marlon understood that his continued growth as a musician depended on his ability to stake out his own musical ground, and not just to play standards. Following up on his own

ideas, he wrote five of the tunes on his second Columbia release "Learson's Return" (April 1991). Following a series of quintet dates immediately following the album's release in the spring of '91 (highlighted by a run at the Village Vanguard), Marlon joined up with "Jazz Futures"—George Wein's brilliantly-conceived "supergroup" of "Young Lions"—virtually playing every major jazz festival and outdoor "shed" on the circuit.

Mr. Speaker, latest release, "You Don't Know What Love Is," features his sister, vocalist Stephanie Jordan. Marlon, Stephanie and another sister, violinist Rachel Jordan, will be performing together on September 7, 2006, at the Jazz Forum and Concert that I will host during the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's 36th Annual Legislative Conference. I urge all of you, and those who love real jazz to attend.

TRIBUTE TO MR. RALPH CONTE

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Ralph Conte, who recently retired as Chief of the Civil Engineering Facility Programming Branch Air National Guard. Ralph attained this position in 1990, assuming the duties as lead engineering programmer for the National Guard, providing infallible advice, council, and programming decisions.

Ralph was born in 1940 in Ponza, Italy, a small Mediterranean island off the coast of Anzio. He lived his early years as a citizen of Italy, playing with childhood friends and attending the Italian school system, which at that time was limited to the 5th grade. This academic level is comparable to an American 9th grade education.

Ralph immigrated to America in 1956 with mother and brother, joining his father who had left Italy for the United States in 1954. The trip from Naples to New York Harbor took 7 days on the grand dame of the sea, the Andrea Doria. This was the Andrea Doria's second to last trip before her horrific collision and sinking of July 25, 1956. Upon arriving in the United States, the Conte family settled in White Plains, New York, where Ralph became a naturalized U.S. citizen in July 1961, and graduated from White Plains High School. He continued his education, attending New York University, Bronx Campus, receiving a BS in Civil Engineering and Central Michigan University receiving a Master's Degree in Industrial Management.

Ralph joined the Air Force on April 20, 1967 and was commissioned as a 2nd Lt on June 30, 1967. From 1967 to 1970, he served on consecutive overseas tours from Aviano to Vietnam. In 1970, he was assigned to RED HORSE with Headquarters in Bien Hoa where he was responsible for all design and construction. Later, he was reassigned to Kunsan AB, Korea as the Officer in Charge for a Detachment of the RHS out of Cam Ran Bay. In 1972, Ralph was again reassigned to Wright Patterson, Ohio, where he assumed the oversight of facility programming including MFH, NAF, MILCON, R&D and O&M funds. Wright Patterson would be Ralph's last stop as an active duty service member, as he separated